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**From:** Hull, George  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 5:56:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine

Christie,

I'm reaching out to the Region to find out what they already have, before we launch on what might duplicate their effort. I'll let you know what I find out. I now have confirmation that the EOC will activate here in HQ. We work through them once we figure out what Q+As we need to answer. - George

**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:22 PM  
**To:** Hull, George  
**Cc:** Colaizzi, Jennifer C.  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gold King Mine

George - can Jen start drafting a FAQ/QA with content from OW and OSWER?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dibble, Christine" <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>  
**Date:** August 10, 2015 at 1:12:21 PM EDT  
**To:** "Smith, Roxanne" <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>

**Cc:** "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Hart, Daniel" <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>, "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>, "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>, "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

**Subject: RE: Gold King Mine**

Not sure... it depends how much content there is on [osc.org](http://osc.org). Will let you know once I have a better idea. Will contact Tim now.

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**From:** Smith, Roxanne

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:11 PM

**To:** Dibble, Christine

**Cc:** Hull, George; Hart, Daniel; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa; StClair, Christie

**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine

Liz and Melissa said to move forward getting this up. Please let Tim know. And please get everything up from the R8 website on this and data from [osc.org](http://osc.org). We'll want the the public to be directed to this site.

We'll also need to consolidate any info from R6 and R9 on this site. Let their web folks know.

Also, ask R8 for data and anything released yesterday.

Christine, is it possible to get all this live this pm? Are there any resources you need to make this happen?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 12:48 PM, Dibble, Christine <[Dibble.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Dibble.Christine@epa.gov)> wrote:

Still working on it, but here is what I have so far:

<https://wcms.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

You will need to log in to Drupal first at <https://wcms.epa.gov/user> , type in your LAN ID and password, then go to the page above.

If you can't log in, please send me your LAN ID and I can get OEI to fix it.

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**From:** Smith, Roxanne  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:30 PM  
**To:** Dibble, Christine  
**Cc:** Hart, Daniel  
**Subject:** RE: Help with organizing the Mine Spill Web page  
**Importance:** High

Definitely get with Melissa. Region 9 was going to put up their own webpage. They don't want people going to [OSC.org](http://OSC.org). We need 1 webpage for the entire response.

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**From:** Dibble, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:06 PM  
**To:** Smith, Roxanne  
**Cc:** Hart, Daniel  
**Subject:** FW: Help with organizing the Mine Spill Web page

Rox, see below. Danny is coming to you now to discuss. I have not replied.

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**From:** Davis, Tim

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:00 PM

**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Dibble, Christine

**Subject:** Help with organizing the Web page

Hi everyone!

Some of my main questions are:

1. How much should we overlap with this page, which, of course, has daily updates:

[http://www.epaos.org/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=11082](http://www.epaos.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11082)

The OSC page has much more information than our little page has, including documents such as this:

<http://www.epaosc.org/sites/11082/files/Data%20Update%2008082015.pdf>

I worry about overlap, although HQ wants our page to be the main place where people go for information...

2. Should we post a Q&A page? Jessica Orquina likes that idea as a place to send the people who are absolutely flooding our Facebook page with negative comments.

3. I don't see anywhere on the page that shows the **updated spill estimates of over 3 million gallons** (instead of the initially reported 1M gallons, which IS on our page). This is why I'd like to **totally reorganize the page**.

Here's another example (and reason that I want to go through a Word doc version of the Web page with someone):

We had an update that Paula wanted me to post, but much of it was in bold. I wasn't sure what to do (and everything was very much in flux at this point). We could still easily include it as a separate "August 7<sup>th</sup> update":

### **Sampling Process (Aug 7, 2015)**

Sampling crews have been and will be sampling locations from Silverton (and above Silverton, near the Mine), all the way to the Colorado border, a distance of approximately 60 miles. Crews will also sample in New Mexico. The distance between sampling locations involves driving time, especially where sampling locations on the river are in remote, difficult to access locations.

Samples are taken from the river using a hand pump or peristaltic pump. Samples must be filtered. Once at the location, collecting the sample may take ½ hour or more.

The standard procedure for analyzing for metals requires a 16 hour hold time with the preservative. EPA will be modifying this procedure to reduce or eliminate this hold time.

The samples must then be transported to a laboratory, either hand-delivered or shipped. The turnaround time for laboratories is different depending on the number of personnel available and number of instruments available. Small labs may only be able to guarantee a 24-48 hour turnaround time. Medium and large capacity labs will be able to provide much faster turnaround times and sometimes even same day results. EPA is currently using a local laboratory in Durango; which has been extremely cooperative and plans to work through the weekend for this project; however, it is a small capacity lab and will likely not be able to process the high volume of samples anticipated to be taken. EPA is exploring options for procuring another lab, which will involve driving or shipping samples for delivery.

The first round of 19 samples collected the evening of the spill and morning following were immediately driven to the EPA laboratory in Golden and prepped for analysis. Those lab results should be available shortly.

Thanks!

--Tim